

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the present specification, with the following corrections:

On page 4, after the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, please add the following:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE**

The advantages, nature and various additional features of the invention will appear more fully upon consideration of the illustrative embodiment of the invention which is schematically set forth in the figures, in which:

Figure 1 is a diagrammatical representation of a golf ball according to the present invention.

On page 15, please amend the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, with the following correction:

As shown in Figure 1, the solid core consists of a center core 1 and an outer core 2 around the center core 1. That construction of the solid core realize the reduction of the spin rate when hitting, thereby to increase the flight distance of the golf balls substantially.

On page 16, please amend the first and second full paragraphs, with the following corrections:

It is also recommended that the center hardness of the center core on a ~~Shore D~~ hardness JIS-C scale is at least 40, preferably at least 42, more preferably at least 44, most preferably at least 46, but not more than 60, preferably not more than 58, more preferably not more than 56, most preferably not more than 54. It is further recommended that the surface hardness of the center core on a ~~Shore D hardness~~ JIS-C scale is at least 55, preferably at least 57, more preferably at least 59, most preferably at least 61, but not more than 75, preferably not more than 73, more preferably not more than 71, most preferably not more than 69.

In the center core, the difference between the center hardness and the surface on a ~~Shore~~ JIS-C scale is at least 10. It is recommended that the difference of the hardness on ~~Shore-D~~ JIS-C scale therebetween is at least 12, preferably at least 13, more preferably at least 15, but not more than 25, preferably not more than 23, more preferably not more than 20.

**On page 16, please amend the first, second, and fourth full paragraphs, with the following corrections:**

The outer core is harder than the surface hardness of the center core. In particular, it is recommended that the difference between the hardness of the outer core and the surface hardness of the center core is at least 2, preferably at least 3, more preferably at least 4, but not more than 30, preferably not more than 20, more preferably not more than 15. It is recommended that ~~the a~~ surface hardness of the outer core on a ~~Shore-D hardness~~ JIS-C scale is at least 75, preferably at least 77, more preferably at least 79, most preferably at least 81, but not more than 95, preferably not more than 93, more preferably not more than 91, most preferably not more than 89.

**On page 17, please amend the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, with the following corrections:**

The golf ball of the invention is a multi-piece solid golf ball having a cover composed of at least two layers which are referred to herein as the "inner cover layer" 3 and the "outer cover layer" 4. Such cover layers can be produced from known cover stock. The cover stocks used to make both cover layers in the inventive golf ball may be composed primarily of a thermoplastic or thermoset polyurethane elastomer, polyester elastomer, ionomer resin, ionomer resin having a relatively high degree of neutralization, polyolefin elastomer or mixture thereof. Any one or mixture of two or more thereof may be used, although the use of a thermoplastic polyurethane

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elastomer, ionomer resin or ionomer resin having a relatively high degree of neutralization is especially preferred.